

~~65~~ 57. (New) The chewing gum product of claim 5 wherein the pattern of stripes of the second mass are generally perpendicular to the direction of elongation of the strip.

~~66~~ 58. (New) The chewing gum produce of claim 1 wherein the pattern of stripes comprises at least three stripes.

~~67~~ 59. (New) A multi-colored, sheeted chewing gum product with a top and bottom surface comprising:

- a) a first mass of a chewing gum formed in a generally flat sheet; and
- b) a second mass of confectionery:
 - i) having a different color than the first mass,
 - ii) being smaller than the first mass,
 - iii) being embedded in the first mass so as to be visible with the first mass from the top surface of the chewing gum product,
 - iv) being present in an amount from 2 to 30 percent by weight of the total product, and
 - v) being present in a pattern;
- c) wherein the second mass is not visible from the bottom surface of the chewing gum product.

~~68~~ 60. (New) The chewing gum produce as claimed in claim 59 wherein the second mass is present in a pattern of stripes across the width of the product.

REMARKS

The amendment does not involve new matter. The new claims are supported by the application as originally filed. All of the new claims are directed to the gum product as originally elected. Furthermore, Claim 59 is generic to the various species and therefore properly presented for prosecution along with the Markush group element of "a pattern of stripes across a width of the chewing gum product." New claims 57-58 and 60 are also clearly directed to the species presently being prosecuted.

In the outstanding office action, claims 1-6, 8-10, 15, 18-22, 28 and 51-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully